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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 2853

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Geoffrey S. Mruk
YOSHIMASA ARAKI, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2853
Appln. No.: 10/806,156	)	
	:	Confirmation No. 2173
Filed: March 23, 2004	)	
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For: DISCHARGING APPARATUS AND	)	January 16, 2008
REMOVING METHOD	:	

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the final Official Action mailed October 16, 2007, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows.